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DOLAM OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES (OPM) MEMORANDUM NO. 06-05

Subject: Use of a Fire Extinguisher with the Minimum Rating of 2-B:C

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Supersedes: OPM 05-05 dated January 1, 2005

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.1 Purpose. This OPM incorporates the use of a fire extinguisher with the minimum rating of 2-B:C into 351 DM 2.2.A to maintain interagency fire standards.

.2 General. The fire extinguisher rating as defined in 351 DM 2.2.A does not comply with current industry standards.

.3 Policy.

A. Delete the current 351 DM 2.2A that reads:

The fire extinguisher(s) as required by 14 CFR 135 shall be a hand-held bottle, minimum 1.5 pound capacity, containing Class B and C extinguishing agents, and mounted accessible to the flight crew.

B. Add the new 351 DM 2.2A that reads:

The fire extinguisher(s) as required by 14 CFR 135 shall be a hand-held bottle, minimum 2-B:C rating, and mounted accessible to the flight crew.

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